

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Previously Amended) A transport system for small components, in particular electrical components, which are arranged in series in said transport system, comprising a form chain having an arbitrary number of chain links in which the small components are accommodated and each said chain link has one accommodation cavity formed therein having at least two walls, one of said walls being rigid and a wall opposite thereto being resilient wherein the resilient wall comprises a central web extending in a direction of insertion of the small components and a plurality of straight resilient arms laterally extending from said central web and each said straight resilient arm is configured to urge the small component against the rigid wall when the cavity accommodates the small component.

2. Cancelled.

3. (Previously Amended) A transport system according to claim 1, wherein the resilient arms extend over a full height of the accommodation cavity and on outer ends thereof each have a bead directed towards an inside of said cavity.

4. (Previously Amended) A transport system according to claim 1, wherein the resilient wall consists of an outer wall and two resilient arms, said resilient arms, being connected at a bottom side thereof to an outer wall and, at upper ends thereof, being freestanding and resilient.

5. (Previously Amended) A transport system according to claim 4, wherein an outside of the rigid wall opposite the resilient wall has a slope.

6. (Original) A transport system according to claim 1, wherein the accommodation cavity is designed as through opening.

7. (Previously Amended) A transport system according to claim 1, wherein the chain links are pivotable about a pin transversely to a direction of insertion of the small components in the accommodation cavity.

8. (Previously Amended) A transport system according to claim 1, wherein the chain links are pivotable about a pin perpendicularly to a direction of insertion of the small components in the accommodation cavity.

9. (Original) A transport system according to claim 1, wherein the chain links are connected via two pins arranged perpendicularly to each other.

10. (Previously Amended) A transport system according to claim 1, wherein each said chain link on one side thereof has two lateral arms with bores and on an opposite side thereof has a central arm with a bore for accommodating a pin.

11. (Original) A transport system according to claim 1, wherein the chain links are made by plastics injection molding.

12. (Previously Amended) A transport system according to claim 10, wherein the pin is made of metal.

13. (Original) A transport system according to claim 10, wherein the pins project laterally beyond the lateral arms.

14. (Previously Amended) A transport system according to claim 7, wherein on sides of the accommodation cavities extending in the longitudinal direction of the chain, there are formed projections on both sides thereof extending in the longitudinal direction, which have a width corresponding to the diameter of the pin and in the longitudinal direction thereof are arranged at a level of said pin.

15. (Previously Amended) A transport system according to claim 1, wherein the chain links, on one side thereof, have two lateral arms with bores and, on opposite side thereof, have two lateral arms with axle-type projections, said axle-type projections latchingly engaging said bores upon assembly of said chain links.

16. (Previously Amended) A transport system according to claim 1, wherein a height of the accommodation cavity corresponds at least to a height of the components to be accommodated.

17. (Original) A transport system according to claim 1, wherein the form chain comprises chain links with different accommodation cavities for different components or component stages.

18. (Previously Amended) A transport system for small components, in particular electrical components, which are arranged in series in said transport system, comprising a form chain having an arbitrary number of chain links in which the small components are accommodated and which each have at least one accommodation cavity formed therein having at least two walls each where one of said at least two walls is rigid and the wall located opposite thereto is resilient, wherein, said chain links are linked one to another about link pins, wherein some of said pins are arranged in a parallel axis to said accommodation cavity and some are arranged transverse to said accommodation cavity and the resilient wall comprises a central web extending in a direction of insertion of the small components and a plurality of straight resilient arms laterally extending from said central web and each said straight resilient arm is configured to urge the small component against the rigid wall when the cavity accommodates the small component.

19. Cancel.

20. (Previously Amended) A transport system according to any of claim 18, wherein each said chain link on one side thereof has two lateral arms with bores and on an opposite side thereof has a central arm with a bore for accommodating said pin.

21. (Previously Presented) A transport system for small components, in particular electrical components, which are arranged in series in said transport system, comprising a form chain having an arbitrary number of chain links in which the small components are accommodated and each said chain link has one accommodation cavity formed therein having at least two walls, one of said walls being rigid and a wall opposite thereto being resilient

wherein the resilient wall comprises an outer wall and a plurality of resilient arms, each of said resilient arms including a lower side and an upper side, said lower side being connected to the outer wall and said upper side being freestanding and resilient, wherein each of said resilient arms are configured to urge the small component against the rigid wall when the cavity accommodates the small component.

22. (Currently Amended) A transport system for small components, in particular electrical components, which are arranged in series in said transport system, comprising a form chain having an arbitrary number of chain links in which the small components are accommodated and each said chain link has one accommodation cavity formed therein having at least two walls, one of said walls being rigid and a wall opposite thereto being resilient wherein the resilient wall comprises a central web and a plurality of resilient arms extending laterally from the central web, the rigid wall and each of the resilient arms frictionally engaging the small component and retaining the small component within the cavity accommodating the small component.